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SUBJECT: GREEK PERMREP COMMENTS ON GREEK-NATO RELATIONS
AND GREEK INQUIRY RE NAMSA SALES TO TURKEY

1. ACTING SYG PANSAL VOLUNTEERED TO DCM AUGUST 24 THAT
GREEK PERMREP, ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, HAD ASKED HIM
FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRACKING DOWN SPECIFIC ITEMS WHICH
TURKEY HAS PURCHASED FROM NAMSA. PANSAL SAID GREEK PERMREP
COMMENTED THAT ATHENS INQUIRY WAS PROMPTED BY US CONGRES-
SIONAL INTEREST.

2. PANSAL SAID HE TOLD GREEK PERMREP THAT NAMSA REGULA-
TIONS WOULD NOT PERMIT NATO SECRETARIAT TO TURN OVER SUCH
INFORMATION TO GREECE. HE RECOMMENDED THAT GREECE INSTRUCT
ITS MEMBER ON THE NAMSA BOARD TO PURSUE THE MATTER.

3. PANSAL ALSO COMMENTED THAT GREEK PERMREP HAD TOLD HIM
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT GREECE WANTED TO MOVE AHEAD RAPID-
LY ON GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS. GREEK PERMREP SAID ATHENS
WANTED TO SPEED UP NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE IT WAS CONCERNED
THAT TURKISH "OBSTRUCTIONISM" ON PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO
GREECE IN NATO WAS CREATING DIFFICULTIES FOR GREECE (GREEK
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PERMREP HAD MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO DCM ON PREVIOUS DAY).

4. GREEK PERMREP ALSO TOLD PANSAL GREECE RECOGNIZED ACTION
ON GREEK-NATO FRONT, WHICH REQUIRED TURKISH SUPPORT, WAS
LINKED TO ACTION ON DCA'S. IN SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY
REMARK, HOWEVER, GREEK PERMREP SAID GREECE WAS HOPEFUL
THAT US CONGRESS WOULD NOT MOVE RAPIDLY ON TURKISH AND

GREEK DCA'S BECAUSE IT WAS GENUINELY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE TURKISH ATTACK AND BELIEVED ANYTHING WHICH WEAKENED TURKEY MILITARILY WOULD BENEFIT GREECE.

5. DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO SECDEF AND USNMR SHAPE.
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